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Captain Tootsie

AND THE RETURN OF DR. NARSTY

A MEETING OF THE CAPTAIN TOOTSIE SECRET LEGION HAS BEEN CALLED AT THE HOME OF CADWALLADER VAN TILDEN, A NEW MEMBER.

IT WAS NICE OF CADWALLADER'S MOTHER TO LET US MEET AT THEIR HOUSE, ROLLO! BUT WE'LL HAVE TO MIND OUR MANNERS IN THEIR BEAUTIFUL HOME!

I GUESS MRS. VAN TILDEN MUST BE TICKLED PINK ABOUT CADWALLADER'S BEING ACCEPTED AS A LEGION MEMBER, CAPT. TOOTSIE!

MOTHER, THIS IS THE FAMOUS CAPT. TOOTSIE. I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT!

HOW DO YOU DO, CAPT. TOOTSIE? I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOUR SECRET LEGION FROM CADWALLADER! HOW DO YOU MAKE THAT TOOTSIE COUNTERSIGN HE'S BEEN TELLING ME ABOUT?

WHEN ANYONE'S IN DISTRESS HE GIVES THE COUNTERSIGN "T FOR TOOTSIE" AND THE SECRET LEGION MEMBERS ANSWER IT BY COMING TO HIS ASSISTANCE!

YOU CAN HAVE YOUR MEETING HERE IN THE RUMPUS ROOM. NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'LL GO UPSTAIRS TO HAVE MY BEAUTY FACIAL. I DON'T WANT TO KEEP THE MAN WAITING. HE'S PIERCE OF PARIS, YOU KNOW!

THIS IS A WONDERFUL PLACE, MRS. VAN TILDEN! THANKS!

UPSTAIRS, A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

AN ZEE'S SPECIALLY PREPARED MUD PACK WILL GIVE MADAME A FACE OF UNSURPASSED LOVE-LINES.

HEH! HEH! WHEN THIS CEMENT HARDENS, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO SCREAM AND I CAN STEAL THESE JEWELS!

THE CEMENT HARDENS QUICKLY AND PIERCE OF PARIS, ALIAS DR. NARSTY, EXECUTES ONE OF THE COOLEST GEM THEFTS IN ALL HISTORY.

HEY, MOM! HEY, MOM! CAN WE HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT?

CURSES! WHO'S COMING?

I HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING! I MUST GO! DO NOT TOUCH ZEE MUDDER WHILE IT IS THAT I AM AWAY!

HEY, CADWALLADER! LOOK AT YOUR MOM!

WOW! IT'S GOT EVERYTHING—PING-PONG TABLES, BOXING GLOVES, NEVERTHING!

MMMMPH! UGH-AWWYK!

WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HAPPENED TO HER?

SHE'S GIVING THE COUNTERSIGN!

MMMPH! MMMPH! MMMPH!

I'LL GET CAPTAIN TOOTSIE...

TOOOOTSIE!

A SHRILL BLAST OF ROLLOS TOOTSIE-TOOTER...

...AND CAPT. TOOTSIE SHOWS UP IN A JIFFY!

A-HAH! PIERCE OF PARIS, OR RATHER DR. NARSTY! UP TO YOUR OLD TRICKS AGAIN, EH?

WHEN! THIS IS HARD WORK!

HERE, FATSO, PASS THESE AROUND! TOOTSIE ROLLS WILL GIVE YOU ALL EXTRA ENERGY FOR ANY JOB!

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MONTY HALL

in SHOW BUSINESS

SAY, FLOWJACKS, BE SURE TO GIVE ME THE CUE SO I CAN TURN THIS BATTLE RECORD ON AT THE RIGHT TIME!

SO WHAT? IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT? WE'VE ALL FOOLED AROUND WITH AMATEUR THEATRICALS. BESIDES THERE'S NOTHING HARD TO TAKE ABOUT THIS DUTY. THAT LORNA JADE AND THOSE OTHER DOLLS ARE A WHOLE PANTRY FULL OF CUTE DISHES!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I LOVE...NO ONE EVER BEFORE...

NO ONE EVER BEFORE.

JUST LISTEN TO THAT SONG! THE ONLY ONE TONY EVER LOVED WAS HIMSELF. MONTY HAD TO OPEN HIS BIG MOUTH AND SAY HE KNEW SOMETHIN' ABOUT STAGIN' SHOWS!

MONTY, TEX, AND CANARSIE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO ACCOMPANY THE TONY THAYER SHOW UNIT ON THEIR TOUR OF KOREA. TONY, A VERY POPULAR NEW STAR HAS LORNA JADE, WELL-KNOWN LEADING LADY, CONNIE CARR AND HELEN HALE, CUTE HOLLYWOOD STARLETS IN HIS TROUPE WITH HIM. MONTY AND TEX ARE THOROUGHLY ENJOYING THEIR BRIEF VACATION FROM THE FRONT, BUT NOT CANARSIE. FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER, HE HAS TAKEN A VIOLENT DISLIKE TO TONY THAYER, AND BEING CANARSIE, MAKES NO ATTEMPT TO HIDE IT...

HEY, WHAT GOES ON HERE? ARE WE BEING ATTACKED?

AND IT ALWAYS GIVES HOT-SHOT TONY A CHANCE TO STRUT HIS STUFF, HORSE-FEATHERS!

THIS ALWAYS GETS EM!

NOTHING TO GET EXCITED ABOUT, MEN. IT'S ALL PART OF THE ACT. JUST SIT TIGHT AND YOU'LL SEE

PROFILE JOE GIVES ME A PAIN EVEN WHEN I STAND. AND WE'VE GOT TO LOOK AT HIM FOR THE NEXT MONTH.

KNOCK IT OFF, HAMMER-HEAD. AND KEEP THE SPOT ON TONY, TOO, OR NOBODY IS GOING TO SEE HIM, INCLUDIN' YOU.



WHAT'S THIS GREAT WHITE FACE DEAL WE'RE HEADIN' FOR?

THE GREAT WHITE FACE IS A MOUNTAIN ALMOST PURE SNOW WHITE. COLONEL FERGUSON'S REGIMENT HAS BEEN SITTING UNDER IT FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS NOW. WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THEM THEY HAVEN'T BEEN FORGOTTEN! THOUGH IT'S MIGHTY CLOSE TO THE FRONT FOR THE GIRLS!

IT'S AROUND HERE, ISN'T IT, MONTY, THAT SOME OF OUR TROOPS GOT AMBUSHED IN THAT FIRST CHINESE BREAKTHROUGH?

WE'RE COMING TO IT, TONY.

IT'S AWFUL! I'M SO GLAD, THOUGH, THAT OUR BOYS MANAGED TO GET IT BACK! THAT'S PART OF THE JOB, MONTY. THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

WE'VE GOT IT BACK FOR NOW, BUT WHO KNOWS FOR HOW LONG? I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED, LORNA, IF WE BUMPED INTO SOME OF THE REDS' ADVANCE PATROLS. IT'S DANGEROUS HERE, ESPECIALLY FOR YOU GIRLS!



HALT! WHO GOES THERE?

THE TONY THAYER SHOW.



GOSH, REAL AMERICAN GIRLS! I WOULD BET I HAVEN'T MISSED ONE OF YOUR PICTURES. NOT SINCE "LOST GIRLS," MISS JADE.

YOU LIKE MY AUTOGRAPH?

YOU CAN GIVE IT TO HIM LATER, LORNA.

TIE THAT ONE, WILL YOU? PRETTY BOY IS JEALOUS!



I NEED REPLACEMENTS AND AMMUNITION AND I GET MOVIE STARS AND CHORUS GIRLS!

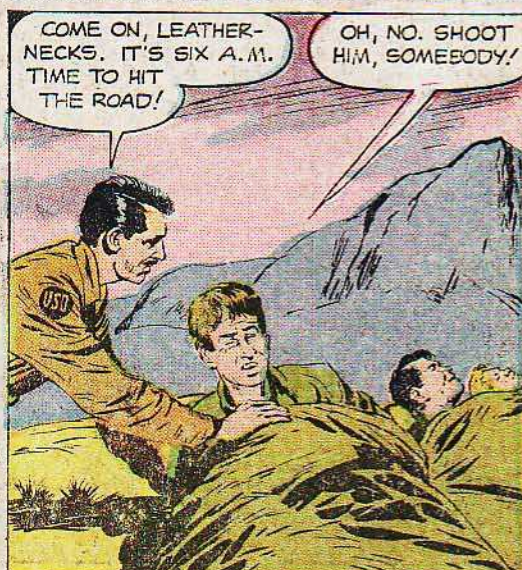
I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING DISAPPOINTED, LIEUTENANT. BUT AS LONG AS WE'RE HERE, HOW ABOUT LETTING US PUT ON A SHOW? THE LIFT IN MORALE FOR YOUR MEN SHOULD BE WORTH A DOZEN REPLACEMENTS.

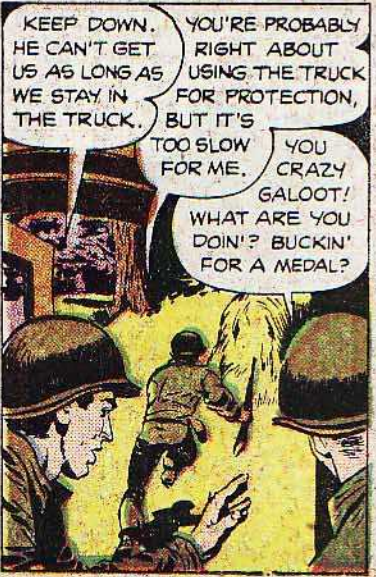
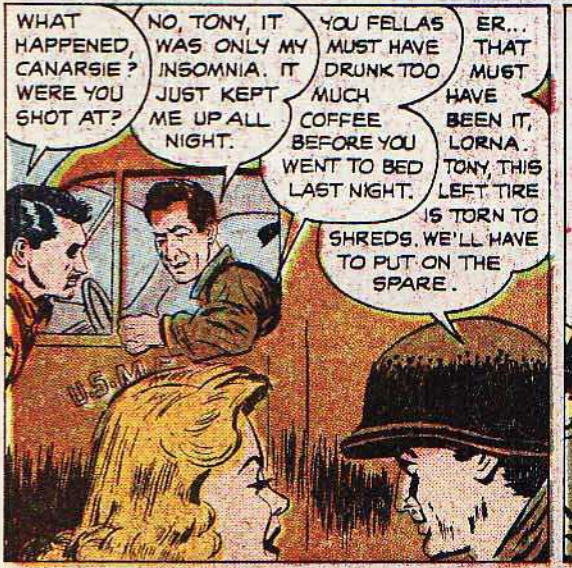


YOU THREE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PITCH IN TONIGHT AND PULL GUARD. AS IT IS, I'M SO EVERLASTING SHORT OF MEN.

HEY, HE CAN'T DO THAT TO US. WE'RE IN SHOW BUSINESS AND THAT'S NON-COMBATANT!

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, CANARGIE, EXCEPT HE'S DOING IT!











THE END

TEX and the JERK PATROL



SURE YOU UNDERSTAND NOW, SERGEANT BRAGA? TEX HERE WILL TAKE YOU AND YOUR MEN OUT ON A DRY RUN TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO GET USED TO THE CONDITIONS HERE. AND YOU, TEX, YOU KEEP 'EM OUT OF THE RED'S WAY!

YES, SIR!

YES, SIR!

TEX, READY FOR ROTATION, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO GUIDE A GROUP OF REPLACEMENTS, NEWLY ARRIVED FROM THE STATES, THROUGH A REHEARSAL PATROL IN PRE-TENDED ENEMY TERRITORY, SO THAT THESE NEW MEN MIGHT GAIN THE EXPERIENCE THAT COULD SAVE THEIR LIVES WHEN IN ACTUAL COMBAT.

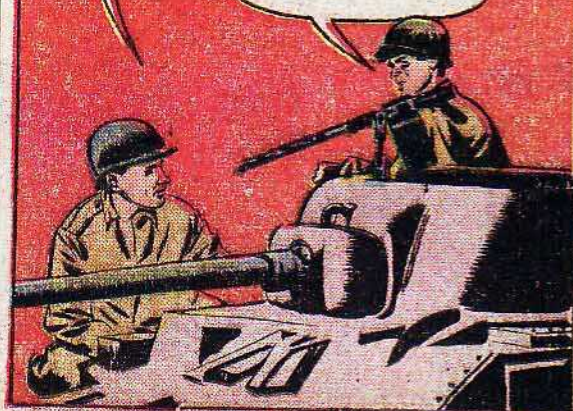
NEEL KEEFER

NO; I WASN'T IN THE LAST WAR. TOO YOUNG.

THAT TIES IT! I FOUGHT THE JAPS FROM GUADALCANAL TO IWO JIMA AND I AIN'T GOIN' TO BE TOLD BY ANY CHICKEN STILL WET BEHIND THE EARS, HOW T' RUN A WAR!

I GOT MY ORDERS, BRAGA, AND I INTEND FOLLOWIN' 'EM!

HORSEFEATHERS! I'M THE RANKIN' NON-COM HERE AND FROM NOW ON, I'M IN CHARGE! I'M A TANK MAN AND WHERE I GO, MY TANKS GO! YOUR GOOKS DON'T SCARE ME!

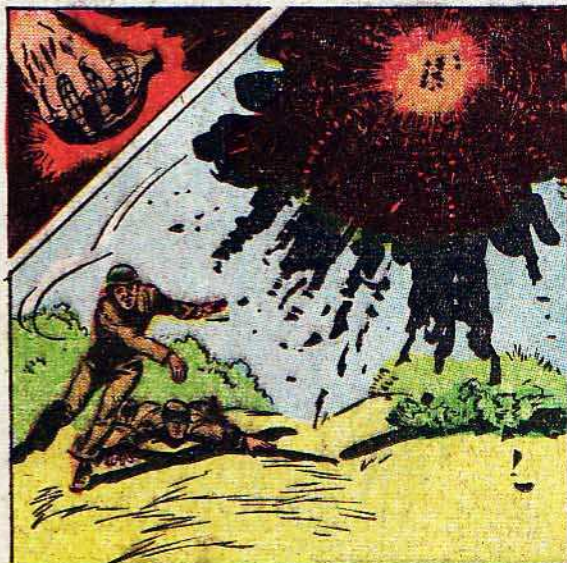


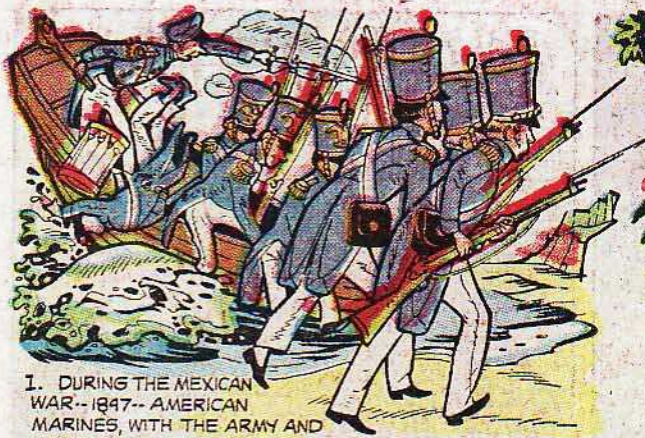












1. DURING THE MEXICAN WAR--1847--AMERICAN MARINES, WITH THE ARMY AND NAVY, UNDER GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT, STORMED ASHORE AT VERA CRUZ.



2. AFTER ACCEPTING VERA CRUZ'S SURRENDER, SCOTT'S ARMY PUSHED ON TO MEXICO CITY...

"From the Halls of Montezuma..."

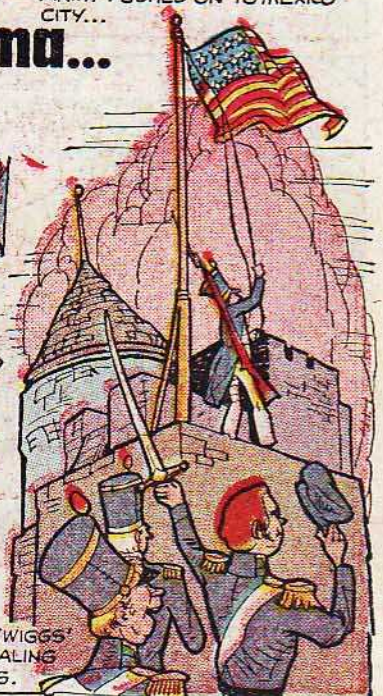
STORY OF THE MARINES IN THE MEXICAN WAR



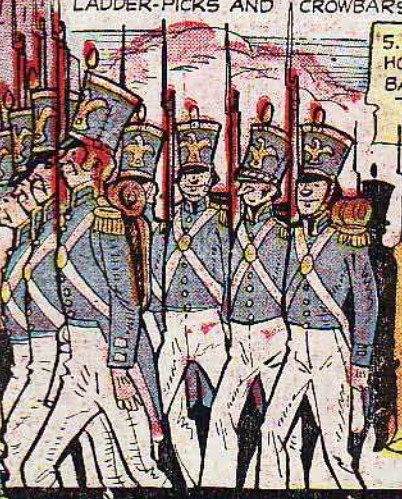
3. BUT TO CAPTURE MEXICO CITY, THE ROCKY FORTRESS OF CHAPULTEPEC HAD TO BE TAKEN FIRST.



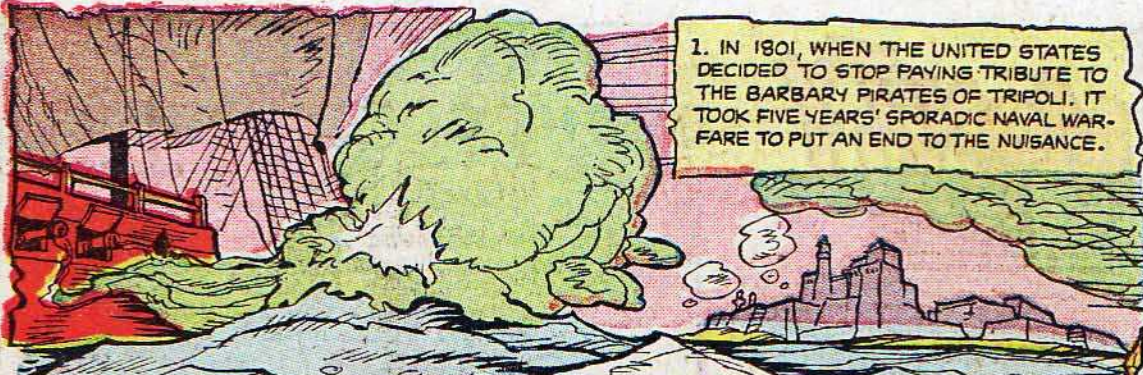
4. THE "MOUNTAIN GOAT WAVE" WAS MADE UP OF MAJOR LEVI TWIGGS' 300 MARINES--ARMED WITH SCALING LADDER-PICKS AND CROWBARS.



5. WHEN THE STARS AND STRIPES WERE HOISTED OVER THE CASTLE, ONE MORE BATTLE REMAINED BEFORE SCOTT'S TROOPS COULD ENTER MEXICO CITY.




6. WHEN THE CITY FELL, THE MARINE BRIGADE MARCHED IN TRIUMPH TO THE HALLS OF MONTEZUMA, AN EVENT THAT IS RECALLED TO THIS DAY WHENEVER THE MARINE HYMN IS SUNG!




1. IN 1801, WHEN THE UNITED STATES DECIDED TO STOP PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE BARBARY PIRATES OF TRIPOLI, IT TOOK FIVE YEARS' SPORADIC NAVAL WARFARE TO PUT AN END TO THE NUISANCE.

...to the Shores of Tripoli!"


STORY OF THE MARINES AND THE BARBARY PIRATES



2. BUT THE REAL MARINE ASSIGNMENT CAME WHEN 1ST LIEUTENANT PRESLEY O'BANNON WAS GIVEN HIS ORDERS...



3. TO MARCH OVERLAND TO DERNE, THE CAPITAL OF TRIPOLI AND CAPTURE IT. HIS FORCE CONSISTED OF 13 MARINES AND 36 GREEK ALLIES--NOT COUNTING HIS DRUMMER BOY!



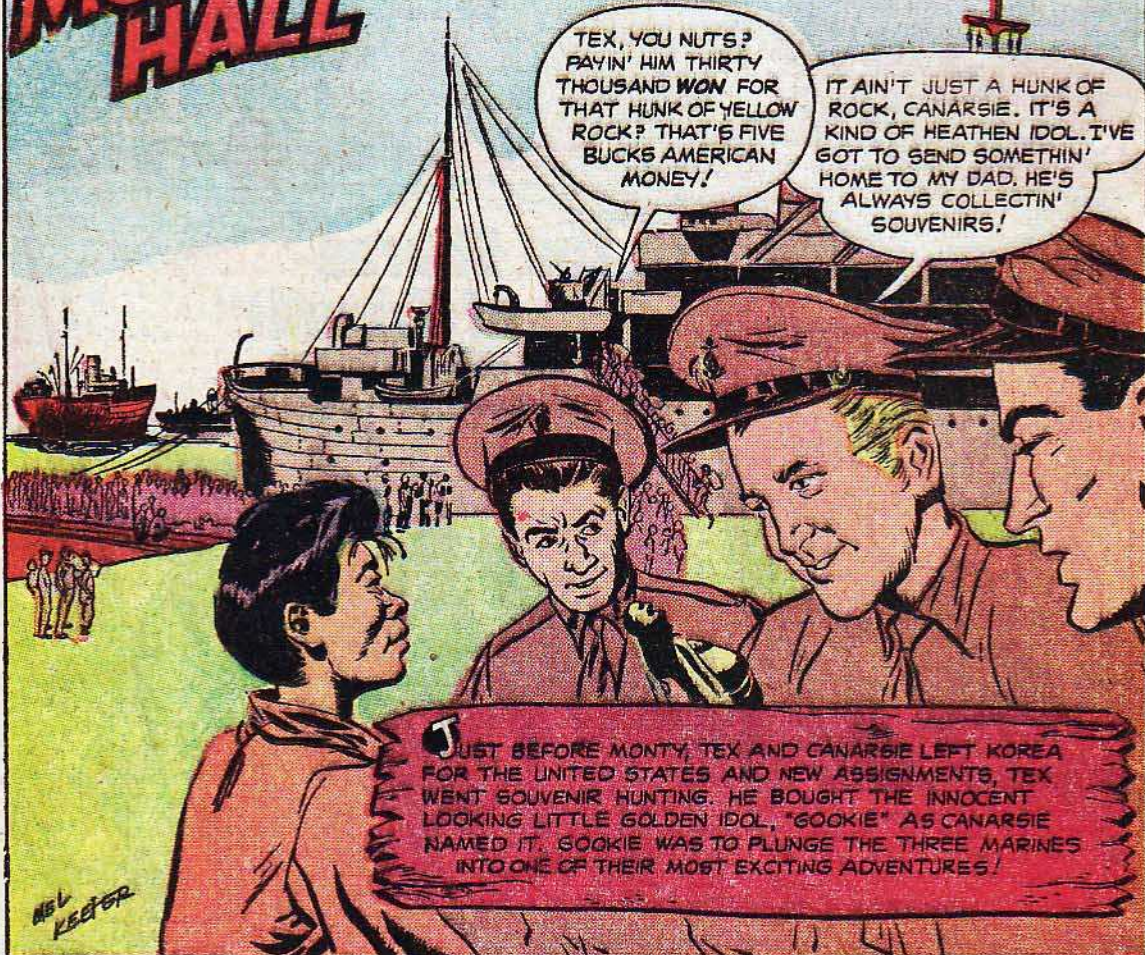
4. BUT CAPTURE DERNE THEY DID! CERTAIN TRIPOLITAN NOBLEMAN SO IMPRESSED BY THE FEAT OF U. S. MARINES THAT HE PRESENTED TO LIEUT. O'BANNON THE PATTERN



A WAS THE A MAMALUKE SWORD OF THIS SWORD HAS BEEN THE OFFICIAL DESIGN FOR ALL MARINE SWORDS EVER SINCE.

MONTY HALL

THE PUZZLE OF THE GOLDEN IDOL!



SOME WEEKS LATER, BACK IN THE U.S....





HOW DO I GET TALKED INTO THINGS LIKE THIS? FLYIN' ALL THE WAY TO TEXAS ON ACCOUNT OF GOOKIE?

I'M SURE GRATEFUL TO BOTH OF YOU FOR COMIN' WITH ME!



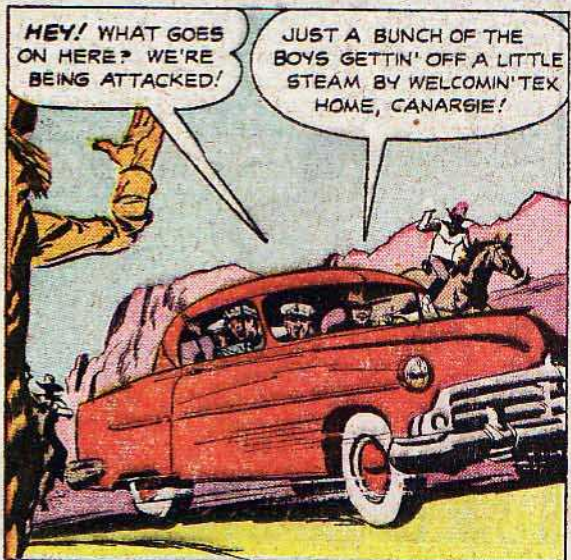
DAD, I WANT YOU TO MEET MY BUDDIES, MONTY AND CANARSIE!

I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU BOYS. SHORE GLAD TO MEET YOU!



THERE'S NO DOUBT BUT THAT THEY WERE AFTER THE GOLDEN IDOL. WE'VE GOT IT LOCKED UP FOR SAFEKEEPING NOW...

I SURE DON'T GET IT. THERE'S NOTHING VALUABLE ABOUT IT!



HEY! WHAT GOES ON HERE? WE'RE BEING ATTACKED!

JUST A BUNCH OF THE BOYS GETTIN' OFF A LITTLE STEAM BY WELCOMIN' TEX HOME, CANARSIE!



WELCOME TO DOUBLE HEART RANCH, BOYS!

IS ALL OF THIS YOURS? NO! YOU COULD HIDE BROOKLYN IN ONE CORNER-- WITH CONEY ISLAND YET!



AT FIRST WE THOUGHT IT WAS JUST SOME ORDINARY SNEAK THIEF, EXCEPT THAT THE LAST TIME, THE ONLY THING DISTURBED WAS THE IDOL. IT'S LUCKY WE SCARED 'EM OFF 'FORE THEY COULD MAKE OFF WITH IT!

YOU HAVEN'T ANY IDEA, THEN, WHO THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN?

I HAVE!



WHY IT'S LING YANG, SON OF OUR COOK, SAY-- YOU'VE GROWN UP A LOT, YING--ALMOST BIG ENOUGH TO BE A MARINE!

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BE--LIKE YOU, TEX. I GUESS THAT'S WHY I TOOK THE LITTLE YELLOW IDOL WITH ME TO SHOW OFF IN TOWN!











THERE'S ENOUGH GUNS AND STUFF HERE TO ARM A REGIMENT.

WE'RE IN GOOD DEFENSIVE POSITION.

MORE RIFLES UP HERE, THE LESS THEY HAVE DOWN THERE.



WE MUST HAVE LEFT THE GEIGER COUNTER IN THAT PASSAGEWAY. THAT'S WHERE THEY FOUND IT!

NOW THE CRUDS'LL THINK THAT WE KNOW WHAT THEY KNOW--WHAT-EVER THAT IS!



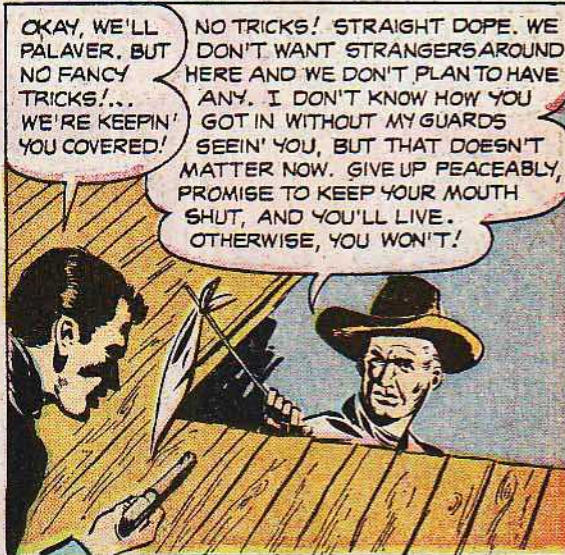
I WOULDN'T ADVISE YOU COMING UP ANY FURTHER, UNLESS YOU PLAN TO STAY--ON OUR TERMS, OF COURSE!

ONLY THING WE CAN SERVE IS BULLETS A LA RIFLES!



THEY'RE SURE SHOOTIN' THE BREEZE DOWN THERE!

THEY'LL PROBABLY BE UP WITH SOMETHIN' MIGHTY INTERESTIN' SOON. SO SIT TIGHT AND DON'T PUSH THE PANIC BUTTON!



OKAY, WE'LL PALAVER, BUT NO FANCY TRICKS!... WE'RE KEEPIN' YOU COVERED!

NO TRICKS! STRAIGHT DOPE. WE DON'T WANT STRANGERS AROUND HERE AND WE DON'T PLAN TO HAVE ANY. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT IN WITHOUT MY GUARDS SEEIN' YOU, BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER NOW. GIVE UP PEACEABLY, PROMISE TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, AND YOU'LL LIVE. OTHERWISE, YOU WON'T!



THAT'S PLAIN ENOUGH. BUT WE'RE NOT BUYIN' RACKET GO ANY, THANK YOU.

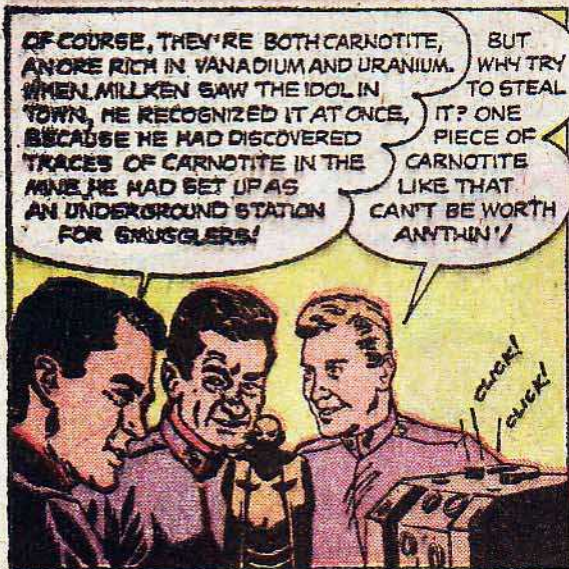
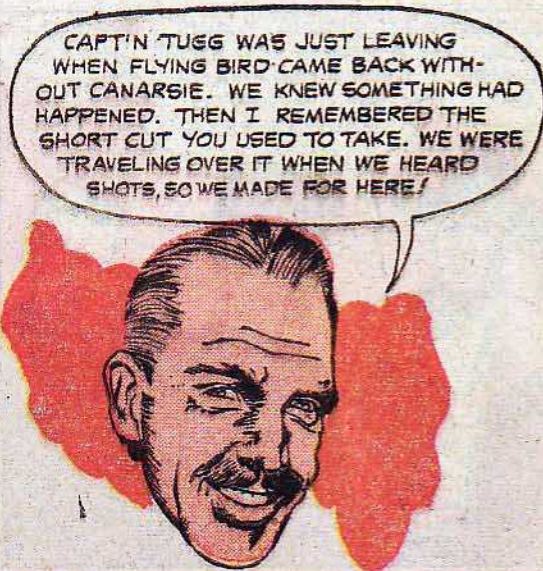
YOU DIDN'T THINK WE'D LET YOUR SMUGGLIN' RACKET GO ON, CAPTAIN TUGG IS GOIN' TO BE MIGHTY INTERESTED IN THESE HERE SURROUNDINGS.

SMUGGLIN' TUGG! YOU FOOLS. DO YOU THINK I'D LET YOUR CAPITALISTIC COUNTRY LEARN THE SECRET OF THIS MINE? I'D BLOW IT UP FIRST AND I'M PREPARED TO DO IT!



I AIN'T VERY GOOD PLAYIN' AT BEIN' A HERO, AND TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M PLENTY SCARED. BUT THE ODDS ARE ON OUR SIDE. WE'RE **UNITED STATES MARINES!**





HAIL, CANARSIE, THE CONQUERING HERO!

Canarsie turned in his bunk, looking at Tex, who was lying in the one next to him. "Is this fair or is it?" he demanded. "Might as well be back in Korea!"

"Cut your beefin'," Tex grunted lazily. "It's better than a foxhole!"

"Rotation furlough they call it. Yank us out of Korea, fly us back, then leave us sittin' right here in the same barracks we used as boots. Sure proves there's two ways of doin' things—the right way and the Marine way!"

Monty Hall walked in just in time to hear the last of Canarsie's remarks. He laughed as he swung himself down on the edge of Tex's bunk. "Take it easy," he said. "It's not so bad. Plenty of eats, movies—why, you're living, Canarsie, and you don't know it!"

"Nuts!" Canarsie said in utter disgust. "You guys not only take whatever's dished out, you like it! I'm off to the P.X. for some postcards. Might as well start lettin' people know I'm around and *almost* back in circulation." He grinned suddenly. "Particularly the dames." Easing himself out of his bunk, he looked over at the others. "Either of you gismos feel like comin'? I'll treat you to some mud."

"Don't worry about lettin' people know you're back," Tex drawled. "They're findin' that out right now . . ."

"Sure," Monty interrupted hastily. "Big news like that travels fast. No, thanks, Canarsie, I'm up to my ears in coffee right now. Tex has had a lot too."

Canarsie eyed them suspiciously. "Some-*thin'* tells me all ain't what it seems. What are you two characters up to now?"

"Nothin'," Tex said. "Nothin' at all. Why, we're your pals, Canarsie. Don't you trust us?"

A derisive laugh was Canarsie's only comment as he walked out. Once he was out of sight, Tex turned eagerly to Monty. "How's the situation at the post office?"

"Booming," Monty said. "They're going to start bringing the stuff over right away."

"Wait 'til Canarsie finds out," Tex chuckled. "Boy, I can see his face right now!"

The door of the barracks swung open even as he spoke, and a couple of boots, clad in

the familiar fatigues, stumbled in, their arms loaded with packages. Behind them came a few more dragging big sacks of mail. "Guy named Canarsie live here?" the leader asked.

"That's his bunk," Tex pointed. "Just pile it all there. We'll keep an eye on it for him."

By the time Canarsie returned an hour later, the boots had made four more deliveries and his bunk was lost to sight behind a massive wall of packages and sacks of mail. He took one look and said in a stricken voice, "Hey! What goes on here!" Neither Monty nor Tex answered him. "These can't all be for me!" Canarsie went on angrily, striding to his bunk. "You guys have fixed up a lot of dummy packages and envelopes." Hastily he picked up a square white box and opened it. It was a chocolate cake with a sprawled legend in white icing written on top reading, **FOR CANARSIE—OUR BRAVE HERO BACK FROM KOREA!**

"I'll be a stupid clown!" said Canarsie, looking at the cake as if he couldn't believe his eyes. Tex and Monty crowded around him. "How about a piece of it, Canarsie," Monty said finally, "I sure could go for some. I hadn't had a piece of home made cake since the days I thought I was using salt on my food, not sea dust!"

"Sure, help yourself," Canarsie said dazedly, giving him the box. "I don't get this at all, at all!" He began to sift some of the letters and packages between his fingers, looking at them, feeling them, but not opening any of them.

"Hey, Canarsie," Tex called out, his mouth full, "this cake's out of this world. How about havin' some? After all, it was sent to you!"

"Yeah." Canarsie roused himself with effort. "Save some for me, you chow hounds!" Walking over to them, he grabbed the box out of their hands. Not expecting his sudden move, the box flew from their grasp, landing upside down on the floor. "Look what you did now, stumblebum!" Tex howled. "I spent two hours this morning scrubbin' this deck with steel wool!"

"Take it easy," Canarsie said, "I didn't do it on purpose. I guess I don't know what I'm doin' right now anyway." Getting down on his knees, he began picking up the scattered pieces. It was then that he saw the letter. It had been on the bottom of the box, hidden by the cake. Still on his knees, he read the note. It was short, so it didn't take him long. But when he had finished, he blinked as if he couldn't believe what he saw. Then he read it again. This time when he finished, he got up slowly, facing Monty and Tex. "Okay, gyrenes," he said menacingly, "Suppose you tell me what's this all about!"

"What's the matter, pardner?" Tex asked, his eyes opened innocently wide. "What's eatin' you?"

"You know shootin' well. I didn't send any letter to any newspaper. Which one of you did it? Or . . ." He looked rapidly from one to the other, "the both of you did it. That's it. The both of you! Writin' a letter in my name and sendin' it to the newspapers. Read this!" he cried, thrusting the slightly sticky letter at Monty. "Just read this. And all those other letters and packages. Oh, my achin' back!"

Taking the letter, Monty read it out loud, not lifting his eyes from the paper as he read. Tex, at the same time, seemed to find the ceiling of intense interest, for he kept his eyes glued up there. "*Dear Brave Marine,*" Monty read, "*I just saw your dear letter in the newspaper, telling how you've returned from months of desperate fighting in Korea and now you're back, but still separated from your family by thousands of miles. And how you will celebrate your birthday all alone again. So I just had to send you this cake, my dear boy, and wish you a happy, happy birthday! Sincerely, Mrs. Googlesmith!*"

There was complete silence after he had finished, then Canarsie shouted, "My birthday ain't for months yet. And you know it. And I'm not thousands of miles from home!"

"Then I'm surprised at you writin' like that," Tex said, "Tradin' on people's sympathy . . ."

"I agree with you!" boomed a loud new voice. "You know the regulations, leather-neck, forbidding any marine from trying to solicit sympathy or mail through the

newspapers. What have you to say for yourself?"

The three of them stiffened to attention at the sound of the voice. It wasn't every day that a full Colonel came in person to the enlisted men's barracks!

"I'm sorry, sir," Canarsie said, keeping his eyes straight ahead. "I . . . I guess I'd forgotten about that regulation."

"It was my idea, sir," Monty said quickly. "I didn't know about the regulation. I wrote the letter because I thought it would be a good joke on Canarsie. I didn't think it would have such . . . such an overwhelming effect."

"Monty wrote the letter, sir," Tex said, "but it was my idea. I take the full responsibility. He wouldn't have done it if I hadn't talked him into it!"

"The postoffice is still swamped," said the Colonel, trying hard to keep laughter out of his voice, "and more mail is coming in all the time. Every letter must be opened and answered; every package must be opened and, if possible, the contents returned. If it's food or otherwise perishable material, it will be sent to the base hospital. Notes of explanation for each package will be written! That, I think, will keep the two of you busy for awhile. And since both of you have good war records, I'll overlook the fact that you violated specific regulations this time. But don't let it happen again!"

"No, sir!" Monty and Tex said simultaneously.

"As for you," the Colonel said, turning to Canarsie, "the Treasury Department wants a returned Korean veteran to go along on a quick speaking tour for the bond drive. It means flying all over the country, attending banquets and meetings. They have specifically asked for you because of the publicity you've been receiving through that letter. Your first stop is New York City where you'll appear on a television program. You leave at once!"

"Yes, sir," Canarsie said. Not another word was spoken until the Colonel had left. Alone again, the three of them just looked at each other, until Tex with explosive feeling said, "You lucky stiff!"

"Ain't I though?" Canarsie said complacently. "While you're attendin' to my mail, I'll be in New York City. And it only costs a dime to get to Brooklyn from there!"

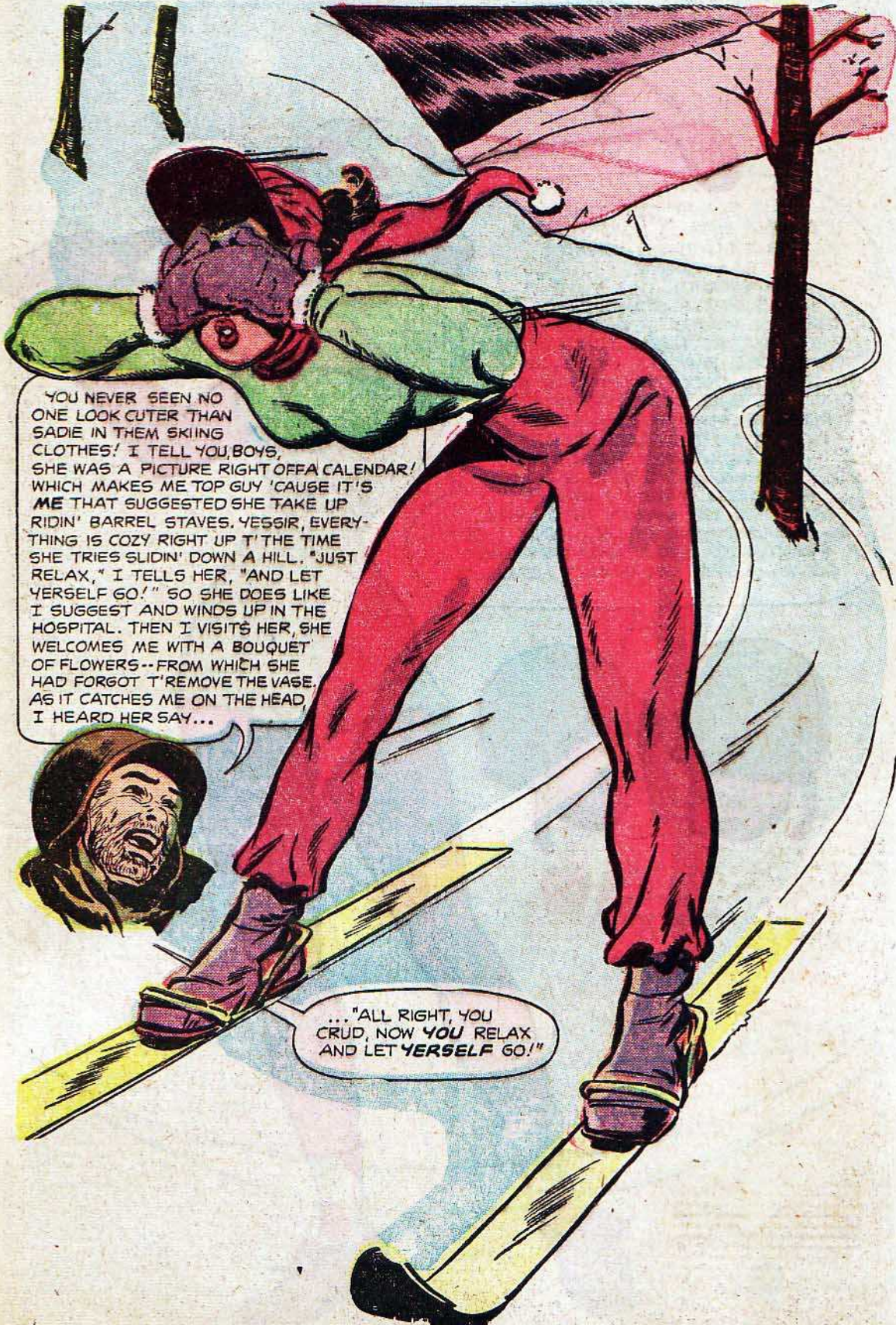
PIN-UP PETE



DAMES 'IN GENERAL, I FIGGERS, AIN'T MUCH GOOD AT ATHELETICS. BUT NOT WHEN IT COMES TO MAYBELLE AND ICE-SKATIN'. PUT HER ON A COUPLA SLIDERS, AND SHE'S A DREAM. SO WHEN SHE SHOWS ME HOW T'MAKE A FIGGER 8, I DECIDES T'MAKE A IMPRESSION AND DO A FIGGER 16 ON'Y THING WAS, I **DIDN'T** SEE THAT A 16 TAKES TWICE AS MUCH ROOM AS A 8, AND THAT I FINISH THE 16 RIGHT INNA MIDDLE O' THE COLDEST WATER PUDDLE IN THE WORLD—
EXCEPTIN' THIS CRUMMY ONE WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW!



"WILLYA HELP ME, PETE?" SHE SAYS, AND SO I ACQUIESCES! WHEN I FINISHES WITH THE SNOWMAN-- SHE SAYS... "DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD CLEAN THE DRIVEWAY SO'S ANY KID COULD SEE THE SNOWMAN WITHOUT GETTIN' HIS LITTLE FOOTIES WET?" AROUND DARK, I FINISHES AND I SEES SOMEBODY COME WALKIN' UP THE DRIVEWAY... KEEP-ING HIS LITTLE FOOTIES DRY... ONLY IT AIN'T NO KID, IT'S THIS CRUMBUM SAILOR WHO'S BEEN HANGIN' AROUND! SO I SPENDS THE NEXT THREE HOURS DOIN' WHAT? **DUMPIN' BACK THE SNOW**, SO'S THIS SEA-GOIN' APE IS **SURE T'GET HIS LITTLE FOOTIES WET WHEN HE COMES OUT!**



YOU NEVER SEEN NO
ONE LOOK CUTER THAN
SADIE IN THEM SKIING
CLOTHES? I TELL YOU, BOYS,
SHE WAS A PICTURE RIGHT OFF A CALENDAR!
WHICH MAKES ME TOP GUY 'CAUSE IT'S
ME THAT SUGGESTED SHE TAKE UP
RIDIN' BARREL STAVES. YESSIR, EVERY-
THING IS COZY RIGHT UP T' THE TIME
SHE TRIES SLIDIN' DOWN A HILL. "JUST
RELAX," I TELLS HER, "AND LET
YERSELF GO!" SO SHE DOES LIKE
I SUGGEST AND WINDS UP IN THE
HOSPITAL. THEN I VISITS HER, SHE
WELCOMES ME WITH A BOUQUET
OF FLOWERS--FROM WHICH SHE
HAD FORGOT T' REMOVE THE VASE.
AS IT CATCHES ME ON THE HEAD,
I HEARD HER SAY...



... "ALL RIGHT, YOU
CRUD, NOW **YOU** RELAX
AND LET **YERSELF** GO!"

IT TURNS OUT THAT
A GOLF BALL IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR ME MEETIN' UP WITH
GENIEVIEVE.

I'M WATCHIN' THIS CUTE
LITTLE TRICK STANDIN' ON
THE TEE WAVIN' HER CLUB OVER
THE BALL. AT FIRST I THINK SHE'S
PRACTICIN'. BUT NO, GENIEVIEVE
IS SERIOUS ABOUT HITTIN' THE BALL,
ONLY THE BALL AIN'T COOPERATING.
WHEN SHE FINALLY CONNECTS, SHE
HITS IT ON THE **BACK SWING**
THE BALL RICOCHETS OFF
A TREE AND LANDS ON
MY KISSER. WHEN I OPENS
MY EYES, I'M LOOKIN' INTO HERS...
SO I CLOSES MINE QUICK, HOPIN' I GOT
A FRACTURED SKULL AND THAT SHE'S
GONNA NURSE ME BACK T' HEALTH!



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